

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2012 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Saada at 11:35 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine Bemont, James Burgess, Phylliss Gwilliam, Ailene Henry and Amy Saada

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Bachetti, Francis Boudreau, Dorothy Bynack, Ron Collyer

**AUDIENCE:** Linda Coleman, Frances Little and David Pinney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes of February 15, 2012 with a motion by Ailene Henry and a second by Phylliss Gwilliam.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairman's Report - \*Amy reported that volunteers are a necessary part for carrying out various programs. More volunteers are needed. The following are some areas where volunteers may be of assistance:

- Assist with the monthly newsletter
- Lead a heart healthy walk after the heart healthy breakfast
- Plan trips and events
- Call bingo
- Plan and tend garden (Gardner Gerich has volunteered to work the garden)

\*Perhaps a scout would be interested in preparing a paved trail on some land owned by the Northern CT Land Trust between the Senior Center and Woodcrest. \*Amy and Fran Little will try to find out some information on RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program – a federally funded program. \*Amy will be attending a meeting with the local Rotary Club later this month and will present some of our needs. \*Ailene Henry volunteered to write a health related article for the newsletter each month.

Meals on Wheels - Linda Coleman reported that she can always use more drivers to help serve the twenty or so clients who participate in this program

Senior Support – Pat Bachetti is still in Florida but keeps in contact with her special people.

Senior Club – No news from the club at this meeting.

**COMMITTEE VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS:**

Amy announced that Dorothy Bynack and Ron Collyer have received their appointment to the board letters from the town. Board now has its full complement of nine members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Woodcrest Problems – Fran Little reported that the multiple septic tanks at Woodcrest have been pumped out and should alleviate this problem. The generator situation is one which needs to be handled by the Housing Authority.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TIME CHANGE – Board members should note that the next meeting (April 10) will be held at a new time of 1:30 in hopes that this time better suits our members. If not, we will renegotiate a better time.**

Safelink Program – Fran Little reported that there is a program available to help people who qualify under various programs with provision of a cell phone for their personal use. It would allow 250 minutes of cell phone use each month. Again, applicant must meet certain requirements.

Home Delivery of Groceries – Mention was made that Geisslers and Stop and Shop have programs where they will deliver groceries to those who are unable to get to the store. Fees for this program were not currently available.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Bemont, Secretary

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